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High water may impact construction at Pomme de Terre

HERMITAGE, Mo.— U.S. Army Corps of Engineers employees at Pomme de Terre Dam have started increased surveillance activities due to rain and significant inflows, which may impact ongoing repairs to the stilling basin which are scheduled to be completed by the end of March.

The current lake elevation is slightly above 851 feet, which is 12 feet above normal pool of 839.0. If the lake elevation reaches 855 feet, the Corps may be forced to require the contractor to remove all equipment and bypass system from the stilling basin so that releases can be made from the flood pool and the lake lowered.

Campgrounds at Pomme de Terre Lake are still closed for the winter; however the water level is starting to affect a number of facilities. All fishing and courtesy docks are currently inaccessible, and water is affecting a few lower campsites and roads.

As of today, 11 concrete placements out of 24 have been completed in the stilling basin, with the 12th scheduled for Friday, and the last placement scheduled for March 31. Officials at Pomme de Terre will begin making releases seven days after the last placement in order to allow the new concrete to achieve near full strength.

Once the work in the stilling basin itself is completed the contractor will continue to work on the sidewalks and fencing. The schedule for re-opening of the area to the public is September.

For questions, please call the Corps office at Pomme de Terre Lake at 417-745-6411 or e-mail them at Pomme.De-Terre@usace.army.mil.